

**State of New Hampshire**  
**Joint Committee for First Responder Interoperability**



Fire Fighters Service



Emergency Medical Services



NH Department of Safety

July 23, 2004

**Re: Update on First Responder Radio Interoperability Committee**  
**Homeland Security Grant Program-Local Equipment Distribution**  
**\*Two tasks need to be accomplished locally**

Dear Fire Chief and EMS Director:

The First Responder Radio Interoperability Committee has continued to meet to address the responsibilities of the invaluable statewide interoperable communications project. A great deal of progress has been made in one year. At this time we are pleased to report over 500 mobile radios have been installed in apparatus and over 2100 pieces of apparatus are in the queue for installation. Some additional local charges/costs have been incurred as part of installation and we encourage you to consider using any fund balance of 2003 population based Homeland grant funds to defray these costs. A Homeland grant application will need to be filed. Please contact Pam Urban-Morin, Grant Administrator at [Homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:Homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us) if you need more information.

The 2004 Homeland grant distribution is under review by the Governor, at this time. This Committee is hopeful that funds will be released soon to facilitate purchasing the balance of mobile radios, ambulance radios, and begin the procurement of portable radios for personnel. Please refer to the Homeland Security grant site <http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/2003firstresponder.html> for updated grant information and new Radio Committee frequently asked questions (FAQs). The website also lists Committee member contact information.

\*Enclosed please find a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) re: authorization to use frequencies. This authorization allows the programming of frequencies to ensure true interoperability statewide. THIS MOU MUST BE RETURNED TO SAFETY BY AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Additionally a list of frequency PL codes is enclosed for your feedback. This is not to be used for programming, but for review and confirmation of information. Please provide feedback, if you have any, on the frequency PL codes by contacting Pam Urban-Morin at [Homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:Homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us). **Please return the MOU to Pam Urban-Morin at: NH Department of Safety - Commissioner's Office –33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305 by August 13.** The State Police Communications Maintenance section will maintain these documents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

